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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT BG
SUBJ: ZIA'S POST-ELECTION PRESS CONFERENCE

1. AT HIS SECOND PRESS CONFERENCE SINCE ELECTION DAY, PRESIDENT ZIA JUNE 5TH ONCE AGAIN THANKED THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THE ELECTION AND DECLARED THAT THE ORDERLY POLLING PROCESS HAD PROVED THAT ELECTIONS COULD BE HELD HERE DURING A MONSOON. IN HIS USUAL MANNER, ZIA BRUSQUELY HANDLED REPORTERS' QUESTIONS, EXPLAINING THAT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN DECEMBER AS SCHEDULED AND SAYING IN EFFECT THAT MARTIAL LAW WILL BE LIFTED COMPLETELY ONLY AFTER A PARLIAMENT IS ELECTED. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS POLITICAL PLANS, ZIA REPEATED HIS CALL FOR DEMOCRACY, NATIONAL UNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE REMAINED AMBIVALENT ABOUT WHEN HE MIGHT PROPOSE CERTAIN CON-
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STITUTIONAL CHANGES.

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE FAIRNESS OF THE JUNE 3RD POLLING, ZIA TOLD THE JOURNALISTS TO CONSULT THE ELECTION COMISSION AND CHIDED THE REPORTERS A BIT BY SAYING "ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN GOING AROUND...I AM SUPPOSED TO ASK YOU THIS QUESTION."

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3. ON FOREIGN POLICY, ZIA SAID THAT BANGLADESH WAS TALKING WITH THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT (A BANGLADESH DELEGATION LEFT DACCA FOR RANGOON TODAY) ABOUT THE REFUGEE PROBLEM AND HE HOPED THAT BURMA WOULD "REALIZE" THAT THE REFUGEES ARE BURMESE NATIONALS WHO SHOULD BE TAKEN BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ON THER REGIONAL MATTERS, ZIA SAID THAT RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED WITH INDIA AND THAT PAKISTAN CMLA ZIAUL HUQ HAD TELEPHONED HIS CONGRATULATIO ON THE LECTION. (MARAIJI DESAI ALSO TELEPHONED.) A VISIT TO BANGLADESH BY THE PAKISTAN LEADER WOULD BE DESIRABLE, SAID PRESIDENT ZIA.

4. GENERAL OSMANI WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER TODAY AND WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL.
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